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Applic. No. : 09/665,452 Group No. : 3641  
Filed : September 19, 2000 Examiner : Jack W. Keith  
For : Method and Apparatus for Transferring an Article Between Fluid-Filled Vessels

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

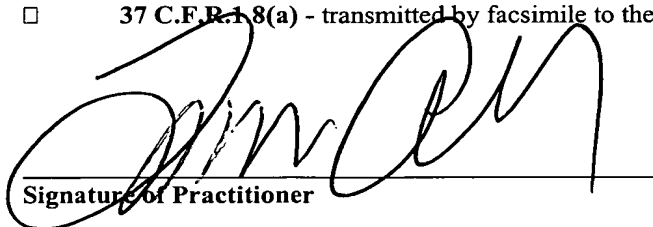
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(Request for Continued Examination (RCE) (37 C.F.R. §1.114) [9-64])-page 1 of 4

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted:
- i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
  - ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee
    - ☐ Prior to payment of the issue fee
    - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted
  - iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
    - ☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
  - iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145; or
    - ☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
    - ☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
    - ☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

**SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

3. a) Previously submitted
- ☒ Consider the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on April 16, 2003.  
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered)
  - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously submitted on
  - ☐ Other
- b) Enclosed herewith is/are:
- ☐ An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. §1.98)
  - ☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
  - ☐ An amendment
  - ☐ New arguments
  - ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
  - ☐ Other:

### FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))

4. This application is on behalf of:  
☒ Large entity \$750.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$750.00

### FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	Small Entity			Large Entity	
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest No. previously paid for	Present Extra	Rate	Add. Fee	Or	Rate	Add. Fee
Total	18	Minus			x\$9=	\$		x\$18=	\$
Indep.	2	Minus			x\$42=	\$		x\$84=	\$
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					+\$140=	\$		+\$280=	
					Total Addit.Fee		Or	Total Addit.Fee	

- (c) ☒ No additional fee is required.

### EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

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	one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
		Fee:	\$ 110.00

### TOTAL FEES DUE

7. The total fees due are:
- |                                     |   |          |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e))             | \$750.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Extension of time fee (if any) (§ 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) | \$110.00 |
|                                     | Total Fees Due                                    | \$860.00 |

### PAYMENT OF FEES DUE

8. Please pay the fees for this continued examination application as follows:
- ☒ Charge Credit Card the sum of \$860.00  
(Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached)

Please charge any required additional fees for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to

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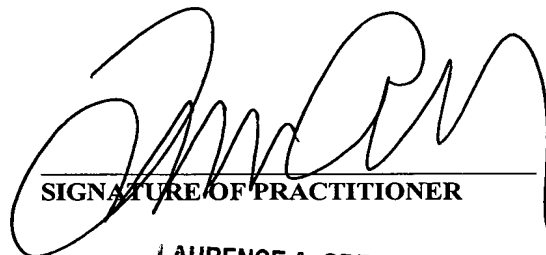
### INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors:
- ☒ the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

### 10. Instructions as to Overpayment

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SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

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